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Conversion of Mansi-Forbesganj Railway Line

184. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Mansi-Forbesganj via Saharasa metre-gauge railway line is in a very bad shape ;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to convert this line into broad-gauge ; and

(c) if so, the time by which this work would be undertaken and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No, Sir

(b) Mansi-Forbesganj line via Saharasa is an integral part of MG rail network of North Bihar. Its conversion to BG in isolation will disrupt MG traffic flow system. Hence there is no proposal for conversion.

(c) Does not arise.

Computerised Reservation Office in Bareilly

185. SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to open computerised reservation office at Bareilly railway station ; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be opened ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Coach Factory in Bareilly

186. SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a coach factory in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh ; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The assessment of the requirement of rolling stock, including coaches is a continuous process, taking into account the projected requirements of the Railways, allocation of funds and the existing facilities available for production in Railway Sector and Public Sector Undertakings. No decision has been taken with regard to the need for the plant, its size or location.

(b) Does not arise.

Rural Electrification

187. SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages in the country electrified during 1990-91 ;

(b) whether this number is more in comparison to similar statistics for 1989-90 ; and

(c) if not, the reasons threfor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) The total number of villages electrified during 1990-91 was 10,214 (provisional). This was less as compared to 15,347 villages electrified during 1989-90, because the target fixed for village electrification during 1990-91 was reduced due to funds constraints and to make available more funds for energisation of pump sets.

Compensation for Missing Goods in Railways

188. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount paid by the Railways zone-wise as compensation during the last two years for the missing/lost goods ;

(b) whether any new scheme is being formulated to prevent the theft of goods ;

(c) whether wrong claims for compensation are also made ;

(d) if so, the measures taken to check them ;

(e) whether railway employees are also found involved in such cases ; and

(f) if so, how the situation is being tackled ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) A statement is attached.

(b) The strategy to combat crime relating to theft of goods especially in crime prone areas is constantly under review and crime control measures are taken to prevent and detect crime according to the requirement of the situation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Each claim is investigated before settlement.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Railways	Total amount paid (in lacs of Rs.) for missing/lost goods	
	1988-89	1989-90
Central	88.19	66.81
Eastern	541.81	240.57
Northern	387.41	328.07
N.E.	43.77	49.31
N.F.	121.81	64.43
Southern	66.00	48.04
S.C.	38.13	29.53
S.E.	69.33	84.42
Western	213.43	132.99
Total	1569.88	1044.17